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### **Revised/updated neighborhood planning work plan/schedule**

We are looking at a similar outreach strategy as in the March meetings. A combination of electronic and US mail, special outreach through our planning outreach liaisons, existing list serves and press releases. We will also rely on our new database of March attendees. We will take fuller advantage existing community organizations to get the word out-- a lesson learned from our March meetings.

The Town Hall meeting format is still being refined, but will likely include a review of consistent themes from our March meetings and the special outreach to underrepresented communities. This will be followed by a highly collaborative process of assessing alternative solutions that address community and city objectives.

### **Link to transcriptions of March neighborhood planning community meeting notes**

[http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood\\_Planning/Overview/MLKatHollyStreet/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/Overview/MLKatHollyStreet/default.asp)

[http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood\\_Planning/Overview/NorthRainier/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/Overview/NorthRainier/default.asp)

Beacon Hill transcriptions should be ready by 3/15. We are also identifying consistent themes. These will be added to the website shortly.

### **Questions about the Comprehensive Plan Placeholder**

The City anticipates sending placeholder amendments to Comprehensive Plan to the City Council by the May 15 deadline.

These placeholders have the primary purpose of indicating to the Council--and the public--that the City anticipates submitting comprehensive plan amendments for one or more of the three neighborhood plans now in the update process, along with other Comp Plan recommendations in December. These placeholders will not make zoning recommendations.

May 15 is the date by which Council expects to receive all possible amendments for the annual Comp Plan amendment cycle. Subsequently, the Council will conduct a public hearing and will adopt a resolution selecting the amendments for which they want to see further analysis. The public process and other work related to the station areas will constitute that analysis for the three update neighborhoods. Often, Council recognizes placeholders in the Comp Plan amendment process, knowing that a proposed amendment will not necessarily emerge, but allowing the opportunity for one to be developed.

Public involvement, including the ongoing update process, will be critical to moving a "placeholder" amendment to a complete amendment. As discussed at the last meeting, complete Comprehensive Plan Amendments would be submitted to the City Council in December, for their consideration and review in March 2010. As stated in the 3/25 meeting, it is possible that the completed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, if they are developed and submitted to the City Council before the end of 2009, would reference land use ordinances, including zoning, as part of its goals and policies. Public involvement, as indicated above, is critical to developing these goals and policies.

### **A special invitation to NPAC members**

Save the Date! Tuesday, April 28, 2009. 6-7:30 PM

Noted international urban designer Helle Storholt will give a presentation on building successful-and sustainable-transit oriented communities. Her talk is sponsored by Councilmember Sally Clark the Seattle Planning Commission and International Sustainable Solutions.

The revised timeline and validation description is forthcoming.